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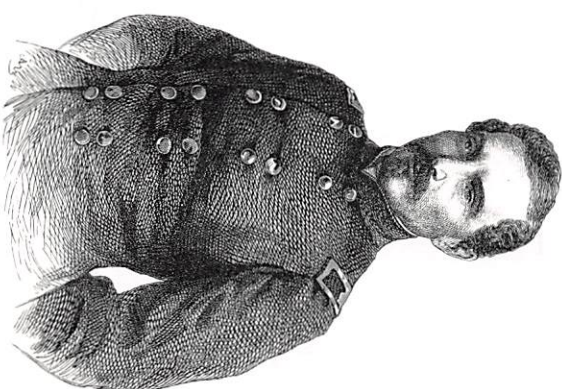
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General Pierre G. T. Beauregard, dashing hero of First Bull Run (or First Manassas, as it was known in the Confederacy), was one of the South's heroes early in the war and the subject of many songs and poems. One written after the Bull Run victory combined praise for the general with a dig at the routed Yankees. It was called "The Beauregard Manassas Quick-step."

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BRAGG, BRAXTON (1817-1876), was a Confederate general during the Civil War. He took command of the Southern forces at Pensacola, Fla., in 1861. Bragg commanded a corps of Southern troops in the Battle of Shiloh and later commanded the Confederate Army of Tennessee. Bragg was forced to retreat after battles at Perryville and Murfreesboro (Stones River). In September, 1863, he defeated General William S. Rosecrans at Chickamauga, but General Ulysses S. Grant defeated him later in the battle at Missionary Ridge. Bragg spent the remainder of the war as military adviser to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He was born at Warrenton, N.C., and was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1837. He became a general in 1862. See also FORT BRAGG. FRANK E. VANDIVER

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Hill, D. H.

Daniel Harvey Hill, b. July 12, 1821, d. Sept. 24, 1889, was a Confederate general in the U.S. Civil War. He graduated from West Point in 1842 and fought in the Mexican War. In 1849, however, he resigned to teach mathematics at Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) in Virginia and then at Davidson College in North Carolina. He wrote several textbooks and religious tracts.

In 1861, Hill joined the Confederate Army and soon became a general. He fought well in the Peninsular campaign and at Antietam and became (July 1863) a corps commander in the Army of Tennessee. A brave but gloomy and caustic man, he accused Braxton BRAGG of incompetence after the battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga. As a result Hill was removed from active command.

After the war he edited a newspaper and served as president, first of the University of Arkansas (1877-84) and then of Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College (1885-89).

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